We claim:

1. A novel process for producing 3,3',4-4'-tetraminobiphenyl (TAB) from 2-nitro-4-bromoacetamide (NBA) of formula 1, said process comprising

Formula-1

5 steps of

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(a) reacting substrate of formula 2 with nitro acetamido phenyl boronic acid (NABP) of formula 3 in presence of a catalyst, a solvent and a base to obtain 3,3', dinitro- 4,4', diacetamidobiphenyl (DNDAcB) of formula 4,

Formula 2

$$(OH)_2B$$
 NHAc

Formula 3

(b) hydrolysis of said 3,3', dinitro- 4,4', diacetamidobiphenyl (DNDAcB) of formula 4 to obtain 3,3', dinitro- 4,4', diaminobiphenyl (DNDAB) of formula 5, and

Formula 4

H₂N NH₂

Formula 5

(c) reduction of said 3,3', dinitro- 4,4', diaminobiphenyl (DNDAB) of formula 5 to obtain 3,3',4-4'-tetraminobiphenyl (TAB) of formula 1.

- 2. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reaction in step (a) is carried out under inert atmosphere ranging between 25°C- 200°C for a period in the range of 1 to 10 hrs.
- 3. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the solvent used is selected from the group consisting of toluene, dioxane, dimethylformamide, acetonitrile, acetone, water, methnol, acetic acid and chlorinated solvents.

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- 4. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the solvent and the base used in step (a) is preferably toluene and potassium carbonate respectively.
- 5. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the catalyst used is Palladacycle of formula 7 with turnover number in the range of 6-10.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & R1 \\ S \\ NTs \\ Pd-CI \\ & + \\ 2 \end{array}$$

Formula-7

- 6. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reduction is carried out using reducing agents selected from the group consisting of SnCl₂ with HCl and H₂/Pd catalyst.
- The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein hydrolysis and reduction is carried out preferably using sodium hydroxide and SnCl₂ / concentrated HCl respectively.
 - 8. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the substrates used for Suzuki type biaryl formation is selected from a group consisting of substituted aryl halides (X=Cl, Br, I) and a variety of substituted aryl boronic acids.
 - 9. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the substrate used is preferably 2-nitro-4-bromoacetamide (NBA).
 - 10. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coupling agent is selected from the group consisting of 2 nitro-4-bromoacetanilide (NBA) and the boronic acids selected from the group consisting of 3-nitro-4-acetylaminophenyl boronicacid (NAPB).
 - 11. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the yield of 3,3', 4-4'-tetraminobiphenyl (TAB) is in the range of 60 to 84 %.